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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 9 by replacing them with  
the like-numbered claim hereinbelow. Markups are provided at the  
end of this response showing the changes made by the amendment.

1. (Amended) A smokers' article characterized in that it  
comprises a tobacco rod wrapped in a separate sleeve made of  
cigarette paper, a resilient and elongated mouthpiece which is  
connected to said rod and has the size of a cardboard mouthpiece  
and which is made of a pressed fibrous material and includes a  
filter member arranged on the tobacco rod side and made integral  
with a tubular portion of said mouthpiece, said filter member